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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS FROM EILTS

JERUSALEM FOR USDEL ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: IS, EG, US
SUBJECT: REMARKS CONCERNING SADAT'S SPEECH TO
THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

REF: TEL AVIV 951

1. ISRAELI JOURNALIST DID INDEED ASK ME LAST NIGHT
AFTER SADAT'S SPEECH WHAT I THOUGHT OF IT AND I SAID
IT WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE IN NATURE. I SPECIFICALLY
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EXPLAINED MY COMMENT IN THE CONTEXT THAT SADAT HAD
STRESSED THAT THE DOOR TO PEACE IS STILL OPEN AND
REPEATED THIS EXPLANATION TWICE. (COMMENT: CONSIDERING
WHAT THE SPEECH MIGHT HAVE BEEN, THIS IS POSITIVE.
END COMMENT) ASKED MY REACTION TO WHAT HAD BEEN SAID
ABOUT THE U.S., I SAID I HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH SADAT'S
PRAISE FOR OUR EFFORTS. (FYI: WE NEED A BIT OF PRAISE

HERE THESE DAYS SINCE OUR STOCK HAS GONE DOWN RAPIDLY
IN PAST WEEK. END FYI) I REFUSED COMMENT ON SADAT'S
REMARKS RE SOVIETS.

2. I CAN APPRECIATE PRIMIN BEGIN'S CONCERN ABOUT THE
ATTACKS ON HIM, THOUGH I WOULD CERTAINLY NOT CHARACTERIZE
THE SPEECH AS A "VICIOUS ATTACK ON ISRAEL AND THE
JEWISH PEOPLE." IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT BEGIN CLEARLY HAS
NO MORE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT MAKES SADAT TICK THAN THE
LATTER DOES OF BEGIN. AS I LOOK BACK ON IT, WE DID NOT
DO A PARTICULARLY GOOD JOB IN DESCRIBING EACH MAN TO THE
OTHER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE JERUSALEM TRIP.

3. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU
WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY INFORM BEGIN OF WHY,
WHEN ASKED BY ISRAELI PRESS, I SAID IT WAS OF A POSITIVE
NATURE. MY COMMENT CLEARLY HAD NO APPLICATION TO THE
ATTACKS ON HIM OR ISRAEL AND I DO NOT BELIEVE ANYBODY
COULD TAKE IT AS SUCH.

4. POSTSCRIPT: HAVE JUST READ TEL AVIV 948 AND NOTE
VARIOUS ISRAELI PAPERS DESCRIBE IT AS MODERATE AND
ENCOURAGING FOR SAME REASON I DESCRIBED IT AS GENERALLY
POSITIVE IN NATURE. EILTS

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